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SUBJECT: ALBERT TRECA, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO
AUSTRALIA

1. ALBERT TRECA, BORN NOVEMBER 5, 1917, HAS BEEN NAMED
NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA, REPLACING GABRIEL
VAN LAETHEM. TRECA, WHO HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN LAW, BEGAN
HIS CAREER IN 1946 ATTACHED TO THE RESIDENCE GENERAL
IN MOROCCO. IN 1956 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS SECTION AT THE QUAI D'ORSAY, AND IN 1958 HE
WENT TO TRIPOLI, LIBYA' AS SECOND COUNSELOR. IN 1962 HE
WAS BACK AT THE QUAI IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WHERE HE
REMAINED UNTIL 1964, WHEN HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO
NIGER. IN 1968 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE
UNDERSECRETARY FOR COOPERATION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY,
AND IN 1969 DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE STATE SECRETARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS . IN 1971 HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA.

2. TRECA WAS DESCRIBED IN A RECENT BIO REPORT AS A
LEAN, SIX-FOOTER WITH A LIVELY, OUTGOING MANNER. WHILE
AMERICAN COLLEAGUES IN SOME POSTS WHERE HE HAS SERVED
HAVE FOUND HIM FRANK, WELL-INFORMED AND CORDIAL, OTHERS
HAVE FOUND HIM LESS FORTHCOMING. HE AND HIS WIFE, WHO
BOTH SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH, HAVE SEVERAL GROWN CHILDREN.

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THEY ARE DEVOUT CATHOLICS AND GENERALLY REFLECT FRENCH

MIDDLE-CLASS VALUES. HE ENJOYS HUNTING AND CAMPING.

3. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT TRECA'S ACCREDITATION
WILL EXTEND TO NAURU AND, UPON ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM
AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA.

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